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In re Application of

Kudaravalli et al.

Serial No.: 10/529,613

Filed: June 8, 2005 Attorney Docket No.: 4-32702A : PETITION DECISION

This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.59(b), filed January 8, 2008, to expunge Information from the above identified application.

Petitioner requests that the eight page document submitted on May 24, 2007, be expunged from the record. Petitioner states either: (A) that the information contains trade secret material, proprietary material and/or material that is subject to a protective order which has not been made public; or (B) that the information submitted was unintentionally submitted and the failure to obtain its return would cause irreparable harm to the party who submitted the information or to the party in interest on whose behalf the information was submitted, and the information has not otherwise been made public. The petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h) has been paid.

The information is described as an eight page document electronically filed with the USPTO which contains a confidential sheet as a first page attached to the requirement for restriction issued by the USPTO on May 7, 2007, rather than the appropriate response to restriction. This document has no bearing on the determination of patentability of this application. In view of this determination, expungement of the information is appropriate. The file entries for those documents have been closed and as such the document is no longer publicly available, which is the IFW equivalent to removal of a paper document from a paper file wrapper.

Therefore, applicants' petition is **GRANTED**.

Should there be any questions with respect to this decision, please contact Marianne C. Seidel by mail addressed to: Director, Technology Center 1600, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or by telephone at 571-272-0584 or by facsimile transmission at general Office facsimile number.

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